(c) if not, by when it would be notified?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The same has been published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary, Part I, Section 1 dated 4th April, 2007) and is also placed on the web site of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals *viz.*: *www.chemicals.nic.in*

A PCPIR would be a specifically delineated investment region with an area of around 250 sq. kms. planned for the establishment of manufacturing facilities for domestic and export led production in petroleum, chemicals and petrochemicals, alongwith the associated services and infrastructure. The minimum processing area for the PCPIR will be about 40% of the total designated area *i.e.*, around 100 sq.km.

A PCPIR would be a combination of production units, public utilities, logistics, environmental protection mechanisms, residential areas and administrative services, one or more Special Economic Zones, Industrial Parks, Free Trade and Warehousing Zones, Export Oriented Units, or Growth Centers, duly notified under the relevant Central or State legislation or policy.

Scarcity of steel products

*269. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite India being the world's fifth largest steel producer there has been scarcity of steel products in the country;

(b) whether integrated steel plant sector claims that the reported scarcity of steel is man-made and has caused unregulated imports;

(c) whether the Cold Rolled Steel Manufacturers Association of India has accused major steel plants of jacking up the prices of hot rolled steel; and

(d) if so, Government's comments thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir. There is no scarcity of steel in the country.

(b) No integrated steel producer has reported any scarcity of steel. Steel sector is deregulated since 1991 and hence there is no qualitative or quantitative restriction on import of steel items.

(c) The Cold Rolled Steel Manufacturers Association of India (CORSMA) had represented to the Ministry regarding hike in price of HR Coil by domestic producers and has demanded for a reduction in customs duty on import of HR Coils from 5% to 2%.

(d) Domestic price of steel is determined by market forces. The import duty on steel has progressively been brought down from 25-30% during 2002-03 to 5% in 2006-07. A detailed review of tariff structure is done at the time of formulation of budget proposals.